



## By the King.



**I**nasmuch as it cannot be doubted, but as the Kings most excellent Ma-  
 iestie hath taken great contentment in the most dutifull and deuoted af-  
 fection of his Subiects of this Realme, testified by the vniuersall and  
 ioyfull consent in publishing his Right, and acknowledgement of his  
 highnes for their Soueraigne; so on the other side, his Maiesties Sub-  
 iects will find much ioy and comfort by receiuing knowledge of his gra-  
 cious and louing acceptance of their said most humble and most affectio-  
 nate seruice and duetie: It is therfore very meet, That (his Maiestie ha-  
 uing of late, by his seuerall Letters of the eight and twentieth, and of the last of March, vnto such  
 of vs the Nobilitie of this Realme, and others that were of the late Queenes Prinie Counsel, as  
 are here at his highnesse Pallace of Whitehall assembled for the seruice of his Maiestie and the  
 State, signified his Gracious acceptance, and Princely thankfulness vnto all his Subiects, of  
 whatsoeuer degree or condition, for such and so extraordinary demonstration of their good will,  
 and commanding the same to be further notified to all parts) we should publish and declare the  
 same, by this Proclamation, in his name. And withall, that we should declare and make knowen  
 his Maiesties pleasure deliuered likewise in the sayd Letters, touching the necessary continu-  
 ation (during his absence, or vntill it shall please his highnesse to giue other commandement  
 and direction) of such orders and proceedings for the preservation of Peace, administration of  
 Justice, and gouernement of the State, as were formerly established, and stood in force imme-  
 diatly before the late Queenes deceasse, which chiefly, and in effect is this: That whereas vpon  
 the deceasse of the late Queenes Maiestie, the authority of the most part of the Offices and places  
 of Jurisdiction and gouernement within this Realme, and in the Realme of Ireland, did cease  
 and faile, the Soueraigne person failing from whom the same were deriued, and thereupon  
 through doubtfulnesse, and want of authority for execution, in such persons as were inuested in  
 the said Offices and places, the settled and ordinary course of the affaires of the State (if reme-  
 die were not provided) might receiue disturbance and prejudice by discontinuance and interrup-

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tion : his Maiestie in his Princely Wisedome, and care of the State (reseruing vnto his owne iudgement hereafter the reformation and redresse of any abuses in misgouernement vpon better knowledge taken thereof, in his due time) is pleased, and hath so expressly signified, That all persons, that at the time of the late Queenes Maiesties deceasse, were duely and lawfully possessed of any place or Office of authoritie, iurisdiction, or gouernment, either Ciuill or Partiall within this Realme, or in the Realme of Ireland, And namely, all Lieutenants, Sheriffes, deputie Lieutenants, Commissioners of Musters, Iustices of the Peace, and all others in place of Gouernment, either meaner or superiour, (as aforesaid) shall bee, and shall so holde themselves continued in the said places and Offices, as formerly they helde and enioyed the same, vntill his Maiesties pleasure bee further knowen. And that in the meane while (for the preservation of Peace, and necessarie proceeding in matters of Justice, and for safetie of the State) all the sayd persons, of whatsoever degree or condition, may not faile, euery one seuerally according to his place, office, or charge, to proceed in the performance and execution of all duties thereto belonging, as formerly appertained to them and euery of them, while the late Queenes Maiestie was liuing.

And albeit the earnest and longing desire in all his Maiesties Subiects, to enioy the sight of his Royal person and presence (which hath moued very many of good degree and qualitie, and some of them hauing place of charge in the Countrey where they dwell, to hasten and take their iourneys at this time vnto his Highnesse) be, for it selfe, commendable in them, and acceptable to his Maiestie, being an Argument of their abundant ioy and gladnesse : Neuerthelesse, because the ouer-much, and too frequent resort and concourse of people into those parts where his Maiestie as yet remaineth, or which are farre distant from the heart of this Realme, is at this present inconuenient, and may prooue more dangerous, both in respect that the Countrey whither such extraordinary resort is made, shall bee overcharged with multitude, and thereof scarcitie and dearth is like enough to proceede, and also because these more inward parts of the Realme shall in the meane while be impayred in hospitalitie, and being destitute of such assistance as is needfull, it may be doubted to what danger or disturbance, forreine or domesticall, they may bee exposed : his Maiestie therefore in his Wisedome both gratically accepting the good Will of his Subiects, and withall regarding what is conuenient for his seruice, and for the securitie of the State at this time, it pleased, and doeth require, That such concourse and resort into those parts be forborne, & aboue al others, of those persons that haue any place of charge or office, either on the Seacoast or the Inland, or are of good degree & qualitie in their Countrey : And that such orderly course be hereafter holden (in the discretion of all such persons as aforesaid) for repaire and resort to his Highnesse presence at his comming into this Realme, as may conueniently stand and agree with the care and seruice necessarily belonging. and to bee perfourmed in all partes of the



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Realme, to his highnesse and the State, his Maiestie being no lesse gratioously disposed, and willing (in all conuenient sort) to giue contentment and pleasure to his owne eyes and minde, by the sight of his most Loyall and louing Subiects, then they are infinitely desirous to enioy the happinesse of his Maiesties person and presence, who (wee doubt not) long before this time is already safe in this his Realme of England, though his Maiestie forbeareth to come presently to his Citie of London, vntill those things can be set in readinesse, which are fit and honourable for the reception of so great and mightie a King.

Giuen at his Maiesties Pallace of Whitehall,  
the fifth of Aprill, in the first yeere of his  
Maiesties Reigne.

God saue the King.

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